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Utah's Population Surpasses 2.5 Million

Salt Lake City, Utah - Utah's population reached 2,547,389 persons in 2005, according to the Utah Population Estimates Committee. This is an increase of 78,159 persons (approximately the population of Ogden, Utah), or 3.2%, over the 2004 estimate of 2,469,230. The population increase is the largest in Utah's history, and the growth rate is the largest since 1992.

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. noted that the new estimates are consistent with Utah's strong competitive position in the nation. "These numbers are indicative of what we all know. Utah is a growing, vibrant, and dynamic state." Utah continues to rank as one of the fastest growing states in the country.

Utah's growth in 2005 continued the trend of strong births (50,431) and deaths (12,919). The resulting natural increase was 37,512, which is the number of births minus deaths. For the first time since 1997, Utah did not see record births, and for the first time since 1989, Utah did not see births surpass the previous year's amount. This may be an indication that Utah's 25 year baby boom has peaked.

The Population Estimates Committee also estimated the net in-migration to Utah to be 40,647 in 2005, another new record for the state. The number of immigrants to Utah more than doubled the amount estimated in 2004. Robert Spendlove, the Chair of the Utah Population Estimates Committee, commenting on the high in-migration estimate for Utah said, "While the magnitude of the increase was unexpected, it is consistent with many of the other economic and demographic indicators we are seeing in the state." Utah continues to rank as one of the fastest growing states in the nation in employment growth. The state has also seen dramatic increases in residential construction, while housing prices in the state remain below national averages, making the state an attractive alternative to more expensive locations in other parts of the country.

The most rapid regional growth rates were felt by those counties within or adjacent to the Wasatch Front and in the southwest corner of the state. The populations in Washington, Iron, Wasatch, Utah, and Tooele counties are all expanding rapidly. These counties are in close proximity to urban

services, but still provide many of the desirable characteristics found in a suburban setting.

The southwestern counties of Washington and Iron, where the urban cities of St. George and Cedar City are located, experienced rapid growth in 2005. These are considered high amenity counties, offering a diversity of educational, tourism, retirement, and economic opportunities for local residents. Both Washington and Iron counties experienced population growth over twice the state rate in 2005.

Washington County once again maintained its title as the fastest growing county in the state, with a growth rate of 8.4% in 2005. This growth rate brings the county back to the rates that were recorded in the early part of the 1990s.

The highest rates of population growth during 2005 were experienced by the following counties:

Washington	8.4%
Iron	6.4%
Wasatch	4.3%
Utah	4.2%
Tooele	4.1%
Davis	3.5%
Summit	3.4%
Cache	3.4%
Morgan	3.2%
Kane	2.6%

While the overall state population and the population of many counties in the state increased in 2005, several counties experienced population loss in the year. Counties that lost population in 2005 include Emery, Carbon, Rich, and Wayne.

The Utah Population Estimates Committee is a statutory committee charged with preparing the official population estimates for the State of Utah. The Committee's primary data sources are vital statistics (from birth and death certificates), school enrollment, LDS membership, residential building permits, and income tax returns. When preparing the estimates, the Committee also considers job growth and utility connections. Committee membership includes representatives from key data providers and others knowledgeable in the methods used to prepare population estimates, along with people from academic institutions, and the public and private sectors. The Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget staffs the Committee.

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Utah Population Estimates, Net Migration, Births and Deaths

Year	July 1st Population	Percent Change	Increase	Net Migration	Previous Year's Population	Net Migration as a Percent of		Fiscal Year Births	Fiscal Year Deaths
						Natural Increase	Fiscal Year		
1980	1,474,000	4.1%	58,050	24,536	1.7%	33,514	41,645	8,131	
1981	1,515,000	2.8%	41,000	7,612	0.5%	33,388	41,509	8,121	
1982	1,558,000	2.8%	43,000	9,662	0.6%	33,338	41,773	8,435	
1983	1,595,000	2.4%	37,000	4,914	0.3%	32,086	40,555	8,469	
1984	1,622,000	1.7%	27,000	-2,793	-0.2%	29,793	38,643	8,850	
1985	1,643,000	1.3%	21,000	-7,714	-0.5%	28,714	37,664	8,950	
1986	1,663,000	1.2%	20,000	-8,408	-0.5%	28,408	37,309	8,901	
1987	1,678,000	0.9%	15,000	-11,713	-0.7%	26,713	35,631	8,918	
1988	1,690,000	0.7%	12,000	-14,557	-0.9%	26,557	35,809	9,252	
1989	1,706,000	0.9%	16,000	-10,355	-0.6%	26,355	35,439	9,084	
1990	1,729,227	1.4%	23,227	-3,480	-0.2%	26,707	35,830	9,123	
1991	1,780,870	3.0%	51,643	24,878	1.4%	26,765	36,194	9,429	
1992	1,838,149	3.2%	57,279	30,042	1.6%	27,237	36,796	9,559	
1993	1,889,393	2.8%	51,244	24,561	1.3%	26,683	36,738	10,055	
1994	1,946,721	3.0%	57,328	30,116	1.5%	27,212	37,623	10,411	
1995	1,995,228	2.5%	48,507	20,024	1.0%	28,483	39,064	10,581	
1996	2,042,893	2.4%	47,665	18,171	0.9%	29,494	40,495	11,001	
1997	2,099,409	2.8%	56,516	25,253	1.2%	31,263	42,512	11,249	
1998	2,141,632	2.0%	42,223	9,745	0.5%	32,478	44,126	11,648	
1999	2,193,014	2.4%	51,382	17,584	0.8%	33,798	45,434	11,636	
2000	2,246,553	2.4%	53,539	18,612	0.8%	34,927	46,880	11,953	
2001	2,305,652	2.6%	59,099	23,848	1.0%	35,251	47,688	12,437	
2002	2,358,330	2.3%	52,678	17,299	0.7%	35,379	48,041	12,662	
2003	2,413,618	2.3%	55,288	18,568	0.8%	36,720	49,518	12,798	
2004	2,469,230	2.3%	55,612	18,367	0.7%	37,245	50,527	13,282	
2005	2,547,389	3.2%	78,159	40,647	1.6%	37,512	50,431	12,919	

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee

Utah Population Estimates by County

County	Census April 1, 2000	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	2004-2005		2000 - 2005		2005 Percent of Total Population	
								Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change		
Beaver	6,005	6,023	6,198	6,285	6,285	6,308	6,341	33	0.5%	318	5.3%	1.0%	0.25%
Box Elder	42,745	42,860	43,245	43,812	44,022	44,654	45,304	650	1.5%	2,444	5.7%	1.1%	1.78%
Cache	91,391	91,897	93,372	95,460	98,176	100,182	103,564	3,382	3.4%	11,667	12.7%	2.4%	4.07%
Carbon	20,422	20,396	19,858	19,858	19,558	19,385	19,338	-47	-0.2%	-1,058	-5.2%	-1.1%	0.76%
Daggett	921	933	944	916	921	954	963	9	0.9%	30	3.2%	0.6%	0.04%
Davis	238,994	240,204	246,744	255,099	262,038	268,916	278,278	9,362	3.5%	38,074	15.9%	3.0%	10.92%
Duchesne	14,371	14,397	14,646	14,856	14,698	14,933	15,237	304	2.0%	840	5.8%	1.1%	0.60%
Emery	10,860	10,782	10,473	10,540	10,477	10,493	10,491	-2	0.0%	-291	-2.7%	-0.5%	0.41%
Garfield	4,735	4,763	4,630	4,599	4,532	4,625	4,703	78	1.7%	-60	-1.3%	-0.3%	0.18%
Grand	8,485	8,537	8,423	8,468	8,464	8,611	8,826	215	2.5%	289	3.4%	0.7%	0.35%
Iron	33,779	34,079	35,541	36,122	37,559	38,925	41,397	2,472	6.4%	7,318	21.5%	4.0%	1.63%
Juab	8,238	8,310	8,570	8,643	8,713	8,826	8,974	148	1.7%	664	8.0%	1.5%	0.35%
Kane	6,046	6,037	6,037	5,958	5,937	6,056	6,211	155	2.6%	174	2.9%	0.6%	0.24%
Millard	12,405	12,461	12,486	12,760	13,068	13,127	13,171	44	0.3%	710	5.7%	1.1%	0.52%
Morgan	7,129	7,181	7,548	7,639	7,938	8,249	8,516	267	3.2%	1,335	18.6%	3.5%	0.33%
Piute	1,435	1,436	1,404	1,409	1,358	1,366	1,368	2	0.1%	-68	-4.7%	-1.0%	0.05%
Rich	1,961	1,955	1,983	2,050	2,079	2,069	2,062	-7	-0.3%	107	5.5%	1.1%	0.08%
Salt Lake	898,387	902,777	918,279	927,564	940,465	955,166	978,285	23,119	2.4%	75,508	8.4%	1.6%	38.40%
San Juan	14,413	14,360	14,063	14,216	14,240	14,353	14,571	218	1.5%	211	1.5%	0.3%	0.57%
Sanpete	22,763	22,846	23,572	24,521	24,787	25,043	25,454	411	1.6%	2,608	11.4%	2.2%	1.00%
Sevier	18,842	18,938	19,180	19,232	19,318	19,415	19,649	234	1.2%	711	3.8%	0.7%	0.77%
Summit	29,736	30,048	31,279	32,236	34,073	35,090	36,283	1,193	3.4%	6,235	20.8%	3.8%	1.42%
Tooele	40,735	41,549	44,425	47,019	48,956	50,075	52,133	2,058	4.1%	10,584	25.5%	4.6%	2.05%
Uintah	25,224	25,297	26,049	25,984	26,019	26,224	26,883	659	2.5%	1,586	6.3%	1.2%	1.06%
Utah	368,536	371,894	390,447	405,977	423,286	437,627	456,073	18,446	4.2%	84,179	22.6%	4.2%	17.90%
Wasatch	15,215	15,433	16,278	17,476	18,515	19,177	19,999	822	4.3%	4,566	29.6%	5.3%	0.79%
Washington	90,354	91,104	96,902	103,750	109,767	117,316	127,127	9,811	8.4%	36,023	39.5%	6.9%	4.99%
Wayne	2,509	2,515	2,509	2,504	2,487	2,518	2,504	-14	-0.6%	-11	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.10%
Weber	196,533	197,541	200,567	203,377	205,882	209,547	213,684	4,137	2.0%	16,143	8.2%	1.6%	8.39%

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Bear River	136,097	136,712	138,600	141,322	144,277	146,905	150,930	4,025	2.7%	14,218	10.4%	2.0%	5.92%
Central	66,192	66,506	67,721	69,069	69,731	70,295	71,120	825	1.2%	4,614	6.9%	1.4%	2.79%
Mountainland	413,487	417,375	438,004	455,689	475,874	491,894	512,355	20,461	4.2%	94,980	22.8%	4.2%	20.11%
Southeastern	54,180	54,075	52,817	53,082	52,739	52,842	53,226	384	0.7%	-849	-1.6%	-0.3%	2.09%
Southwestern	140,919	142,006	149,308	156,714	164,080	173,230	185,779	12,549	7.2%	43,773	30.8%	5.5%	7.29%
Uintah Basin	40,516	40,627	41,639	41,756	41,638	42,111	43,083	972	2.3%	2,456	6.0%	1.2%	1.69%
Wasatch Front	1,381,778	1,389,252	1,417,563	1,440,698	1,465,279	1,491,953	1,530,896	38,943	2.6%	141,644	10.2%	2.0%	60.10%

State of Utah	2,233,169	2,246,553	2,305,652	2,358,330	2,413,618	2,469,230	2,547,389	78,159	3.2%	300,836	13.4%	2.5%	100.00%
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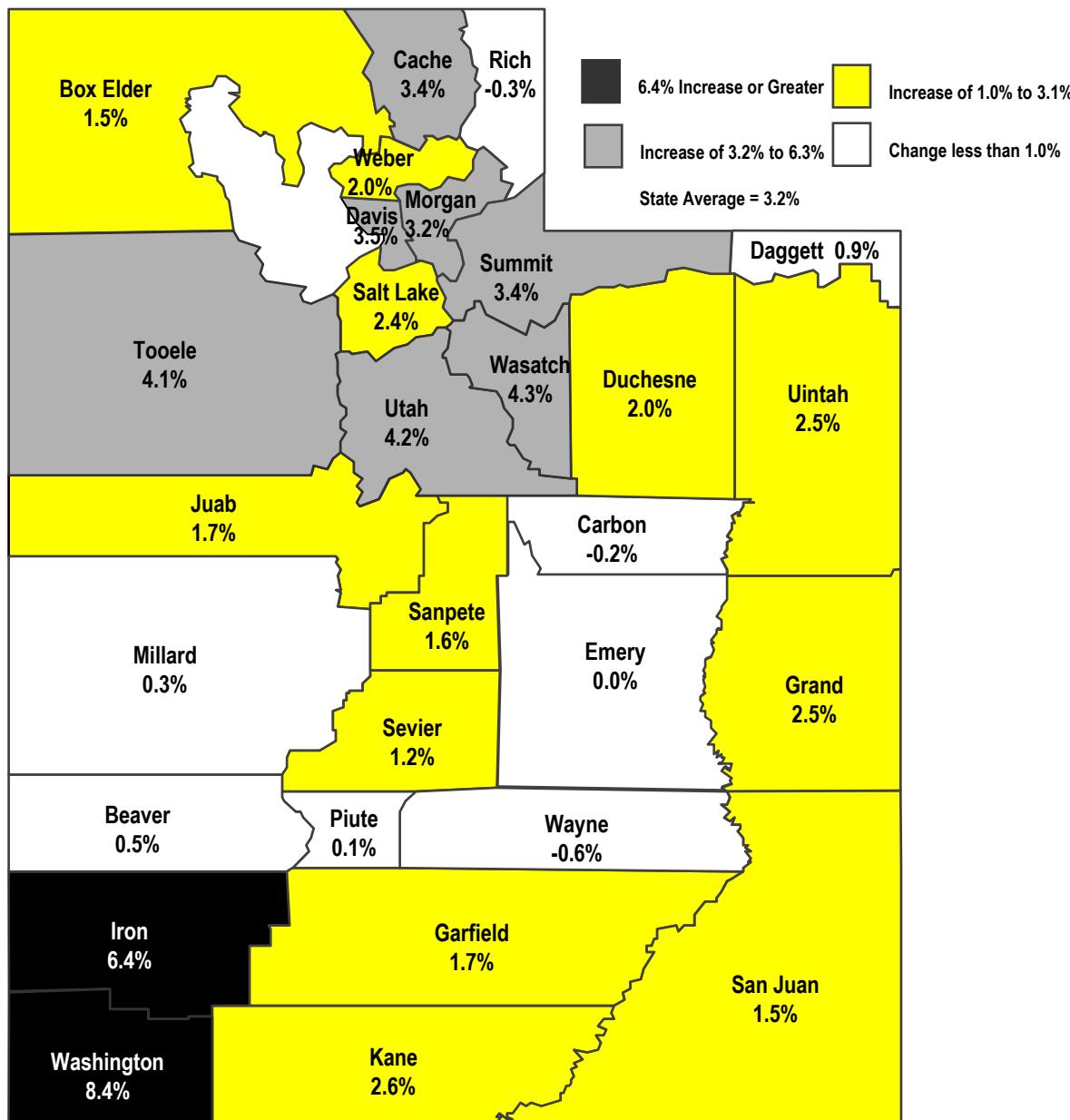
Notes:

- 1) Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 2) AARC is the Average Annual Rate of Change.
- 3) The MCDs are multi-county districts and are divided as follows: Bear River MCD: Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties; Central MCD: Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne counties; Mountainland MCD: Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties; Southeastern MCD: Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties; Southwestern MCD: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties; Uintah Basin MCD: Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties; Wasatch Front MCD: Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber Counties.

Sources:

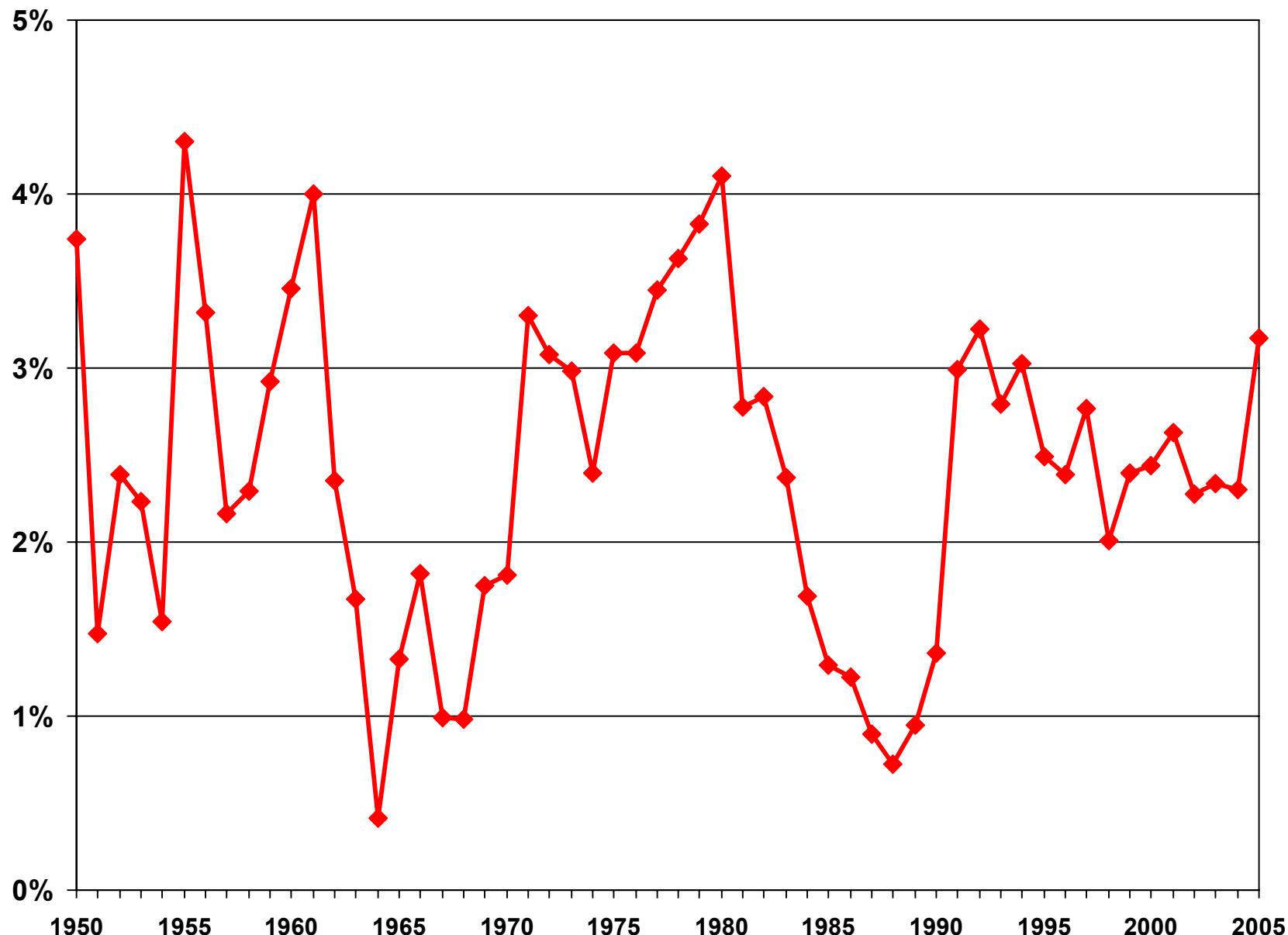
- 1) April 1, 2000: U.S. Census Bureau
- 2) July 2000-2005: Utah Population Estimates Committee

Utah Population Growth Rates by County: 2004 to 2005



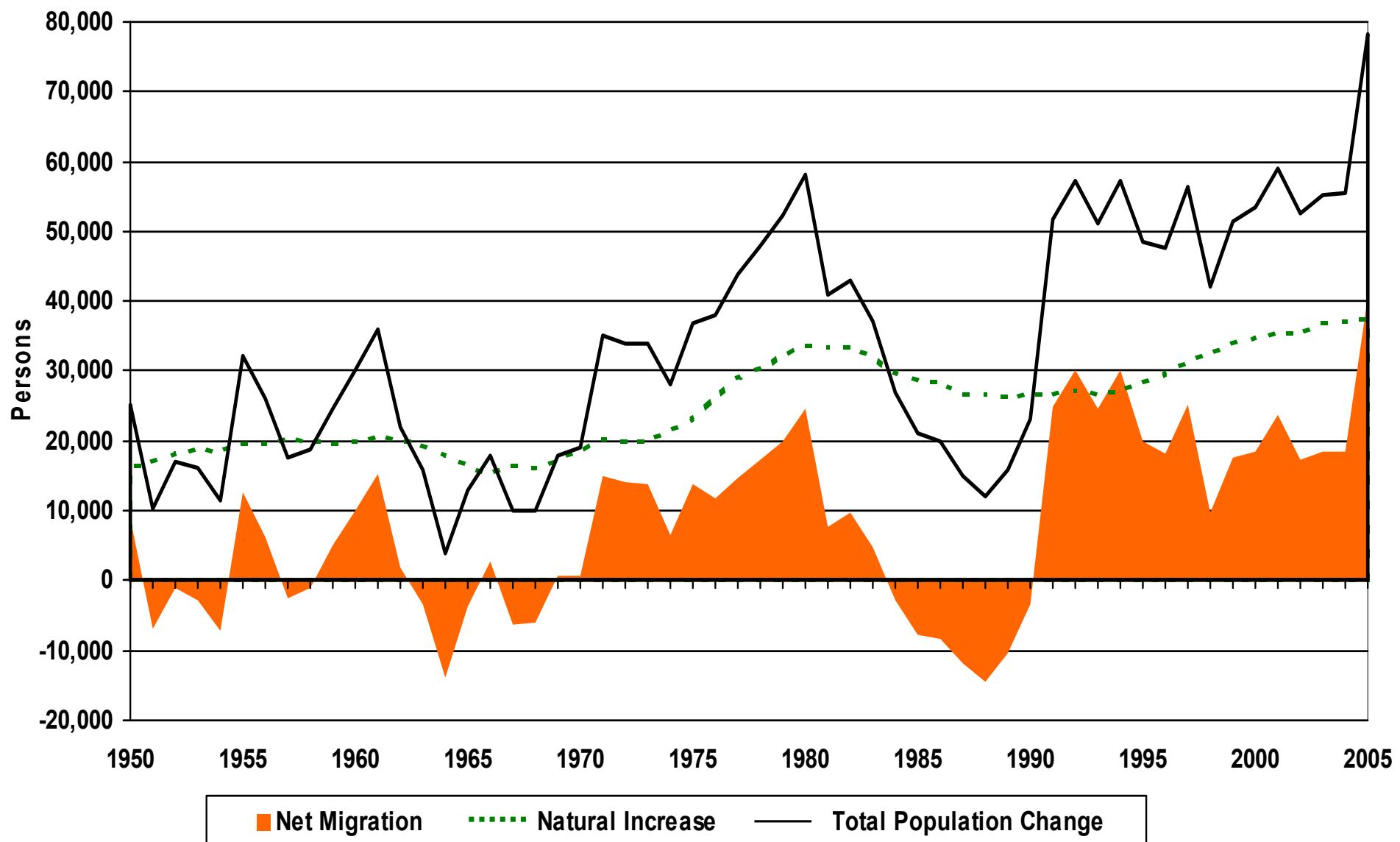
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Utah Population – Annual Percent Change



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State of Utah Components of Population Change



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